

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** All ALS Agency Training Heads

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**RE:** PCEP Policy

Some question has arisen regarding the policy for recertification via PCEP. In an effort to answer same, I hope to clarify all issues regarding recertification via the PCEP method and allay (or encourage) the fears of your ALS certified personnel.

First; as you may be aware, PCEP recertification is NOT mandatory. Individuals may still recertify via the conventional method:

- 50 hrs per year of MPD approved training
- Skills maintenance as per State requirements for length of certification.
- MPD requirements for OR time, ACLS, CPR, and PALS, PHTLS (or equivalent)
- Successful completion of the State of Washington Paramedic Recertification Exam.

Should your personnel choose to recertify the conventional method, the MPD will require that all documented CME be approved. This will include a review of the topic curriculum and verification of attendance (instructor signed certificate of attendance or, preferably, instructor signed assessment tool). NO EXCEPTIONS. The MPD has the authority to approve training at his discretion.

Second; for those wise individuals who choose to recertify via the PCEP method the following will apply:

- 100% completion of all topics is required, physical attendance at each is preferred (physical attendance of 50% is required). For those topics not attended, an interactive training will be provided along with a quiz.
- The above skills maintenance and MPD requirements will also apply.

PCEP participants will also be provided a 48 hr refresher training certificate for the National Registry if they are current in PCEP. PCEP participants will NOT be required to complete the State recertification exam.

Third; for those PCEP participants not meeting the 50% requirement, each case will be reviewed by the MPD's office and a remediation plan adopted. In the past these plans have included:

- Requiring individuals to meet conventional recertification requirements
- Requiring individual participation in PCEP instruction
- Mandating completion of research